



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on September 12, 2018 at Molly Ockett School, 25 Molly Ockett Drive, Fryeburg, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Wilson Hess; Vice Chair Jane Sexton; Amy Arata; Wendy Ault; John Bird; Martha Harris; Liberty Ladd; and Jaylee Rice.

Excused: Fern Desjardins and Jana Lapoint
Vacant: One Member

Others Present: Mary Paine, Chief of Planning and Implementation; Scott Brown, Director of School Construction Programs; and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair, Wilson Hess called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by student member, Jaylee Rice: The Vision of the State Board is to ensure Maine public school students graduate with the skills, knowledge, and principles to be responsible American citizens; self-directed and dedicated to making contributions to society by pursuing further education and employment.

AGENDA REVISIONS:

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by Amy Arata, and unanimously voted by those present to keep Public Comment where it is located on the agenda and move Board Member Reports to follow New Business on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by John Bird, seconded by Amy Arata, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the August 14, 2018 minutes as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No public comment

WELCOME OF A SPECIAL GUEST:

- Wilson introduced David Bowles to the Board. David was nominated by Governor LePage to fill Ande Smith's term on the Board. Wilson was privileged to attend the confirmation hearing for David with the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, however, all appointments were rescinded.
- David thought it would be productive for him to sit in as a guest at the next couple of Board meeting in the event that his name gets reposted.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Wilson Hess

- He met with Governor LePage regarding CTE secondary/post-secondary alignment with the blessing of the Chair. The Governor was quite supportive of the initiative which has been on the Board's Strategic Agenda. He has communicated with the Commissioner and the President of the Maine Community College System. He and John will be meeting with the DOE Team on Friday to begin the process.
- He was invited to meet with Angel Loredo and Stephanie Fyfe on Monday regarding Chapter 115, Part II, to talk about Career and Technical Education (CTE) Certification. Dwight Littlefield was not in attendance. John Bird was not available to attend. Wilson articulated to Angel and Stephanie the position the Board has taken on alternative pathway for Certification.
- He attended the College Board's workshop regarding SAT and how it is used to measure Career Readiness.
- He will be attending the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference in October along with Jane Sexton and Martha Harris. Board members are welcome to attend, including student members.

Vice Chair, Jane Sexton

- She attended and chaired the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on August 29.
- She attended the Agenda Review meeting with Wilson Hess and Commissioner Hasson.
- She donated her Mom's baby grand piano to Snow Pond for students to enjoy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

School Construction Committee (Martha Harris):

The School Construction Committee met on September 7, 2018, as scheduled.

The Committee received presentations on three items that will go before the full Board for approval at the September 12, 2018 meeting.

- The Committee received a presentation from RSU 39 – Revised Design and Funding Approval for a new PreK-8 Elementary/Middle School
- Received a presentation for site approval consideration for the New Edward Little High School in Auburn
- Received the Integrated/Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility Approved

Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle

- Fern Desjardins called into the meeting. Martha and Amy Arata were in attendance, along with Chair of the Board, Wilson Hess.
- The Committee has moved their meetings from Friday to Tuesday for the convenience of Fern Desjardins as she travels to Augusta for the Charter Commission meeting.

The next School Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, 2018. The meeting will be held in room 500 of the Cross State Office Building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

Certification and Higher Education (Jane Sexton):

The Certification and Higher Education Committee met on August 29, 2018, as scheduled.

- The Committee reviewed the University of Maine Farmington Team Report and the CAEP (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation) Report that will be received by the full Board on September 12, 2018.
- Chapter 114 Annual Report – Jane consulted with Sarah Forster regarding the interpretation of the data collection period for the annual review form. Sarah advised the Board to determine what “annual report” means, and make that clear to the colleges so they can file appropriately. The Committee voted to use the period of September 1 – August 30 for the data collection period and has sent the recommendation to the full Board for approval at the September 12, 2018 meeting.
- Received an On-line Certification Update.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2018. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office Building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

Career and Technical Education (John Bird):

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee met on August 23, 2018, as scheduled.

- The Committee has check marks on their Strategic Plan portion
- The Committee approved to move the Perkins Funds forward for approval by the full Board on September 12, 2018.
- The Committee reviews their priorities at each meeting:
 - Direct a greater portion of CTE funds towards instruction and instructionally related services
 - Double enrollment in CTE programs by 2020
 - Introduce CTE instruction into Maine’s middle schools
 - Better align secondary and post-secondary CTE offerings and programs
 - The Committee is recommending that the Board approve, at the September 12, 2018 meeting, award of an additional \$100,000.00 of the reserve fund balance of \$200,000.00 to implement middle school CTE programs for grades 7 and above in accordance with the April

2018 revisions to the Perkins State Plan for the 2019 extension to align with the SBE's Strategic Priorities for CTE.

The next Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2018. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office Building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

Legislative Action (Wilson Hess on behalf of Jana Lapoint):

The Legislative Action Committee has not met as the Legislature is not in session.

Jana Lapoint assumed the chairmanship of the Legislative Committee, however, Jana is out on medical leave, so not in attendance at this meeting. Wilson is pleased to announce that the following have been appointed to the serve on the Committee: The Board Chair, Board Vice Chair and the Chairs of each Committee, along with student member, Liberty Ladd.

Nomination and Election (Wilson Hess):

At the Board retreat, members reviewed the policies and procedures document. This is a standing committee of the Board. Wilson will be appointing this committee way in advance so if anyone is interested in chairing or being on the Committee, please let Wilson know.

Student Voices (Martha Harris):

The Committee has not met.

Charter Commission Representatives (John Bird on behalf of Jana Lapoint):

It was a routine meeting this month for the Charter Commission. There are nine Charter Schools and they have one charter committed under Legislation. The Commission held off on receiving any applications this year as they have been going through their work and making changes in procedures. Jana Lapoint was in attendance for the last Commission meeting.

Approval for reappointment of James Rier to the Charter School Commission will come before the Board on September 12, 2018.

Nomination for reappointment of Laurie Pendleton to the Commission will come before the Board in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; REVISED DESIGN AND FUNDING APPROVAL CONSIDERATION; EASTERN AROOSTOOK RSU 39 NEW PREK-8 ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

STATEMENT OF FACT: Eastern Aroostook RSU 39 Superintendent of Schools, Timothy Doak requests that the State Board of Education approve the district's request for a REVISED Design and Funding Approval for the new PreK-8, 750 student Elementary/Middle school in Caribou. This project will replace three school

buildings in Caribou and be constructed in the heart of the community at Teague Park.

The project received State Board of Education REVISED Concept Approval on July 11, 2018 after significantly higher than anticipated construction bids were received. As required, the district held a second referendum for the project on September 6, 2018 which was approved by the voters.

Construction has begun on the site in Caribou and this approval will ensure that essential elements identified at the time of REVISED Concept Approval will be included in the project. The project schedule has been minimally impacted and the additional State/Local monies will be made available through a separate bond sale in the Spring of 2019.

This REVISED Design and Funding Approval is being requested pursuant to Title 20-A M.R.S. §15905(1) and State Board of Education Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

Project Information

Project: RSU 39 New PreK-8 Elementary/Middle School

Superintendent: Timothy L. Doak

Architect: Alan Kuniholm, PDT Architects

School(s) to be closed: Teague Park Elementary, Hilltop Elementary and Caribou Middle

Project Budget Information

Total Project Cost: \$53,008,257 (\$4,865,722 increase from the original Design and Funding Approval)

Local Only (no State participation): \$2,527,423 (\$25,000 increase from the original Design and Funding Approval)

State/Local Debt Service Subsidy: \$50,480,834 (\$4,840,722 increase from the original Design and Funding Approval)

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner of the Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education grant REVISED Design and Funding Approval to Eastern Aroostook RSU 39 for a new PreK-8 Elementary/Middle School in Caribou.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On September 7, 2018, the Construction Committee recommended that this exhibit be placed on the September 12, 2018 State Board meeting agenda and that the State Board grant REVISED Design and Funding Approval to Eastern Aroostook RSU 39 for a new PreK-8 Elementary/Middle School in Caribou.

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to recommend that the State Board of Education grant REVISED Design and Funding Approval to Eastern Aroostook RSU 39 for a new PreK-8 Elementary/Middle School in Caribou.

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; SITE APPROVAL
CONSIDERATION; AUBURN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT – NEW EDWARD LITTLE
HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

STATEMENT OF FACT: Superintendent Katy Grondin requests that the State Board of Education approve a site in Auburn for a new high school. The Edward Little High School rated 16th on the 2010-2011 Rating Cycle. The proposed new high school will replace the existing Edward Little High School.

The Auburn School Department hired Harriman Architects and Engineers to conduct a New vs. Renovations analysis of the existing Edward Little High School. The analysis was completed with a recommendation of new construction. Harriman then worked with the district and city administrative personnel to identify potential school sites. Forty-seven potential sites were identified and narrowed down using a site matrix which resulted in two final sites. After extensive evaluation of the final sites the existing Edward Little site clearly became the best option for the new high school.

The site is centrally located in the district and well established in the social context of the community. It benefits from good access and is well served by utility and transportation infrastructure. Site investigations and environmental analysis studies have been conducted and have not revealed any issues of significance. The new school can be constructed while the existing school remains operational. A completed Site Application is on file with the Department of Education and meets all the applicable criteria of the State Board of Education’s Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

In a public meeting on September 5, 2018, constructing a new facility on this site was endorsed by a straw poll vote.

Project Information

Project: Auburn - New Edward Little High School

Superintendent: Katy Grondin

Architect: Harriman Architects and Engineers

Schools to be closed: Edward Little High School

Total number of acres: 61.8 acres

Purchase cost: N/A (district owned)

Amount eligible for State support: N/A

COMMISSIONER’S RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner of the Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to the Auburn School Department for a High School construction project on district owned property.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On September 7, 2018, the Construction Committee recommended that this exhibit be placed on the September 12, 2018 State Board meeting agenda and that the State Board grant Site Approval to the Auburn School Department for a High School construction project on district owned property.

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to grant Site Approval to the Auburn School Department for a High School construction project on district owned property.

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM – INTEGRATED,
CONSOLIDATED 9-16 EDUCATIONAL FACILITY APPROVED PROJECTS LIST FOR
THE 2017-2018 RATING CYCLE

STATEMENT OF FACT: On August 14, 2018, the State Board of Education approved the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility Proposed Priority List recommended by the Commissioner of the Department of Education. The Commissioner now recommends that the State Board of Education select the following project to be placed on the Approved Projects List as a qualified applicant to implement the innovative model.

1. Valley Unified Regional Service Center – *Concept Approval assigned calendar year 2020*

Any withdrawal of a member of the Valley Unified Regional Service Center, or any withdrawal of a municipality from a member of the Valley Unified Regional Service Center, will require a new recommendation from the Commissioner and approval from the State Board of Education, or a new application submission during the next rating cycle.

The recommendation to select the above project to be added to the Approved Projects List is being requested pursuant to Title 20-A M.R.S. §15905(1) and Chapter 61 State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

COMMISSIONER’S RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education approve the placement of the project listed above on the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility Approved Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On September 7, 2018, the Construction Committee recommended that this exhibit be placed on the September 12, 2018 State Board meeting agenda and that the State Board approve the placement of the Valley Unified Regional Service Center on the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility Approved Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle. Further, any withdrawal of a member of the Valley Unified Regional Service Center, or any withdrawal of a municipality from a member of the Valley Unified Regional Service Center, will require a new recommendation from the Commissioner and approval from the State Board of Education, or a new application submission during the next rating cycle.

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Amy Arata, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the placement of the Valley Unified Regional Service Center on the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility Approved Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle. Further, any withdrawal of a member of the Valley Unified Regional Service Center, or any withdrawal of a municipality from a

member of the Valley Unified Regional Service Center, will require a new recommendation from the Commissioner and approval from the State Board of Education, or a new application submission during the next rating cycle.

RECEIPT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE FARMINGTON (UMF) EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM REPORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 114 AND THE COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION (CAEP)

BACKGROUND: The state review team was chaired by Dr. Mary Mahoney-O'Neil of the University of Maine. The review took place from November 5-7, 2017 and the team reviewed Standards Five and Six of Chapter 114. The state review was conducted concurrently with the accreditation review by CAEP team. The CAEP Review Team was chaired by Dr. Malina K. Monaco of North Carolina State University. The CAEP team, per agreement with the State Board of Education and CAEP, reviewed all other Standards.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education receive the University of Maine Farmington's State Review Team and CAEP Review Team report of findings.

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Amy Arata, and unanimously voted by those present to receive the University of Maine Farmington's State Review Team and CAEP Review Team report of findings.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF CARL D. PERKINS ACT OF 2006 (P.L. 109-270) FY17/FY18 CARRYOVER FUNDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE FY19 PERKINS GRANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REVISED PERKINS STATE PLAN FOR THE FY 2019 EXTENSION TO ALIGN WITH THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES OF THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The State Board of Education's Career and Technical Education Committee recommends to the State Board of Education the designation of additional carryover monies from FY 2017/18 Perkins funds to be allocated for FY 2019 as follows:

Award an additional \$100,000 of the Reserve Fund balance, of ~\$200,000, to implement middle school CTE programs for grades 7 and above in accordance with April 2018 revisions to the Perkins State Plan for the FY 2019 extension to align with the State Board of Education's Strategic Priorities for CTE. Eligible programs may be pilot programs, but must be implemented in FY19 and conclude prior to the end of the FY19 school year.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the additional allocation of Carl D. Perkins Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) FY17/FY18 Carryover Funds to be distributed in the FY19 Perkins Grant in Accordance with the Revised Perkins State Plan for the FY 2019 Extension to align with the Strategic Priorities of the Maine State Board of Education.

MOVED by John Bird, seconded by Wendy Ault, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the additional allocation of \$100,000.00 of Carl D.

Perkins Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) FY17/FY18 Carryover Funds to be distributed in the FY19 Perkins Grant in Accordance with the Revised Perkins State Plan for the FY 2019 Extension to align with the Strategic Priorities of the Maine State Board of Education.

ELECT VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION (NASBE) ANNUAL MEETING

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Wendy Ault, and unanimously voted by those present to elect Martha Harris as the voting delegate for the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Meeting.

MOVED by Wilson Hess, seconded by Martha Harris and unanimously voted by those present to elect Jane Sexton as the alternate voting delegate for the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE CERTIFICATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S INTERPRETATION ON THE DATA COLLECTION PERIOD FOR THE CHAPTER 114 ANNUAL REVIEW FORM

BACKGROUND: Chapter 114 states that “*Approved programs must submit an annual program update to the Commissioner by April 7th of each year. The program update should not exceed five (5) pages in length and will summarize yearly data, changes, additions, trends and deletions.*” The committee wished to clarify the dates that the annual report would encompass. At the August 29, 2018 meeting, the committee voted to use the period of September 1-August 30 for the data collection period for the annual review form and to send this recommendation to the full board for approval.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education approve the Certification and Higher Education Committee's interpretation that the annual review form would survey the period between September 1-August 31 for the purposes of data collection as required by Chapter 114.

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Certification and Higher Education Committee's interpretation that the annual review form would survey the period between September 1-August 31 for the purposes of data collection as required by Chapter 114.

CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION - REAPPOINTMENT:

MOVED by Wilson Hess, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the appraisal of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee and approve the reappointment of James Rier to serve on the State Public Charter School Commission.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Amy Arata

- She attended the Construction Committee meeting on September 7.
- Her local school board is back in action now that summer is over.

John Bird

- His book is finished and has come back from the editor. Once he gets all the images captioned it will go to press. It is 350 to 400 pages and will be out in late November.

Wendy Ault

- She has enjoyed her visit in Fryeburg today and had an opportunity to meet with three University of Maine Farmington (UMF) grads that are teachers at Molly Ockett School.

Martha Harris

- She attended and chaired the Construction Committee meeting on September 7.
- She has been busy with the Teacher of the Year program. The three finalists have been named. School visits will take place next week. Unfortunately, they want the same people to go to all three school visits and her schedule will not allow. The final interviews will be on September 25. She has had further discussion with former teachers of the year regarding a former TOY being named to be a member of the State Board of Education. This would need to be a statutory change.
- The National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) will have reports out with recommendations of changes that she or Jane Sexton will need to vote on at the NASBE Conference in Denver, CO. The Board will need to discuss this at the October meeting.

Jaylee Rice

- She is back to school and has stopped working every day. The credit union has a branch in her school and she works there during her lunch period.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by Martha Harris, and voted unanimously by those present for the Board to go into executive session to discuss a student transfer appeal at 2:21 PM.

The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 2:28 PM.

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for NK. The transfer is denied.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary Becker at the end of this meeting.
- The National Association of State Boards of Education Annual Conference will be held in October in Denver, CO. Educate Maine will be receiving the Friend of Education Award. Wilson Hess, Jane Sexton and Martha Harris will be in attendance. All Board members are welcome to attend, including students.
- The October 10, 2018 Board meeting will be held at St. John Valley Technology Center in Frenchville.

ADJOURNMENT:

The September 12, 2018 State Board of Education meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.